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Faith is not afraid to face the perplexities of life either. We've probably all heard people say in fear, "Yes, but *what if* . . . ?" But when we are in faith, we can face every problem or trial confidently. Faith looks at negative situations and declares, "I am not afraid of the 'what ifs,' because God is bigger than any problem or circumstance! I serve a great big God Who can overcome anything!"

True faith in God does not waver in times of trouble. Remember Esther in the Bible? The wicked Haman had devised a plot to kill all the Jews in the kingdom, which included her. She faced not only the extinction of her race, but also the loss of her own life.

Yet in the midst of almost sure destruction, she stood fast, trusting in God. She demonstrated her great faith in God by her actions. She did all she could in the natural, but then she cast the care on God, saying, "If I perish, I perish" (Esther 4:16). That was her commitment. And in the end, she received her victory.

Friend, faith won't keep us from experiencing problems. But just like Esther, we can do something about those problems. We do not have to fear! We can put our trust in God and obey Him, and then watch as He brings us through victoriously!

If you're ready to experience more victory, don't miss a single page of this magazine. It's packed full of truths that will help you where you're at today! And as you read, don't forget to share your favorite quotes with us. Just #RhemaWOF on social media.♥



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HAVE YOU EVER been tempted to try to rush through life—to hurry up so you could get to the “good parts”? I have. But to follow God’s plan and fulfill our divine destiny, we have to go through different seasons.

Psalm 1:3 (NIV) tells us that the godly person is “*like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season.*” The key words in that verse are *in season*. We get so thrilled when we think about the prospect of yielding fruit. But it’s easy to get discouraged as we wait for our season of fruitfulness.

Really, waiting is something most of us don’t like to do. We’ve been trained in today’s society to expect everything to happen instantly. But God is never in a hurry.

Why does God make us wait at times? I believe in some cases it’s because He’s “seasoning” us. What do I mean by that? Well, if you’ve ever cooked a pot of beans, you know how much better they taste if you let them simmer for a while. When you cook those beans slowly, they absorb the seasonings much better.

When we find ourselves in the “waiting zone,” it may be because God is seasoning us. He may be preparing us for the things He’s called us to do. And it’s extremely important for us to learn how to wait.



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Isaiah 40:31 says, “*They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.*” If you’re suffering from weariness and you don’t have a lot of strength, you can be renewed and refreshed as you wait on the Lord. But I know

from my own experience that sometimes it’s hard to wait.

Twenty-Five Years of Waiting

The Lord told me many years ago that He wanted me to minister to women. And I thought, “Minister to women! God, that’s the *last* thing I want to do!” It just wasn’t my cup of tea.

For several years, I wrestled with the Lord over this calling. Every time I prayed about it, I would agonize and say, “Lord, please! I don’t want to do that!”

Then God said something very powerful to me. He told me, “There are mighty things that I need these women to accomplish for Me, but they can’t do it if they’re having pity parties and feeling sorry for themselves. I want you to pick them up and put them on the road of victory instead of the road of despair.”

Finally I surrendered to God’s call to minister to women. As soon as I did, the Lord told me to wait. Oh my! But there’s

usually a waiting time concerning the things God speaks to our hearts. There's a right time and a wrong time to move on those things. If we try to accomplish them in the wrong season, they won't succeed.

I was 31 years old when God first spoke to me about ministering to women. But it wasn't until I was 55 years old that the Lord finally said to me, "Now is the time to minister to women." That was in early 2001, and I told Him, "God, if You want me to do this, I'm asking You to give me the plan."

The first thing the Lord said to me was, "I will gather around you an army of women." All of a sudden, I began to feel an excitement in my spirit. Since my husband had served in the U.S. Army and loves the Army, the Army is close to my heart. I immediately told the Lord, "Yes, I can lead an army of women if that's what You want me to do."

Then He continued, "These women shall be women of balance, longing to know how to balance womanhood, motherhood, and the assignment which I've called them to do. You shall lead the way . . . for these women have come, even as Esther came, for such a time as this."

When I heard those words, something exploded on the inside of me. I thought, "Yes, Lord!"

Then the Lord began to lay out before me the details of the first women's conference. He even told me who He wanted to speak and the date of the conference. It was toward the end of September. So our first conference was held right after the 9/11 terrorist attack on America. Little did I know what condition our nation would be in at that particular moment. But God knew. He's never caught by surprise.



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Does God ever cancel His plans? No! We weren't about to cancel that conference and let the Enemy win a victory. I told my staff, "God will make a way for these ladies to come." And He did! That first year approximately 1,400 ladies attended the conference, including 100 ladies from the New York City area.

I stood on the platform that first night with tears in my eyes, because I saw before me an army of women, just as God had spoken to me about 25 years before. He had fulfilled every word He had spoken to my heart.

The plan of God for our lives doesn't come to pass overnight. There's always a season of waiting. Maybe you're in that season right now. Perhaps your dream has been on the back burner for so long that you think you've missed it.

I encourage you to spend time communing with your Heavenly Father and focusing on hearing His voice. Let this be a time of refreshing and renewing of your strength. Then you'll be ready to rise as on eagle's wings when the Lord says to you, "My child, let's go! Now the time has come!"

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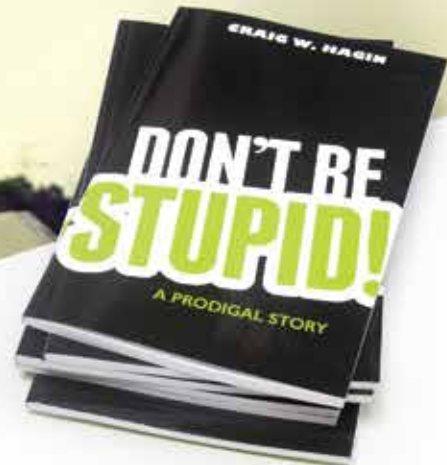
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See for yourself. Check out Craig's new book and find out what you've been missing. Life is about to get a whole lot better!

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No matter what stupid things we've done, there's good news. We aren't stuck in our circumstances! God loves us. And He is able and willing to pick us up and set us on our feet.

Sharing from the story of the prodigal son, Craig W. Hagin encourages us to see ourselves the way God sees us. Many of us have sunk into a mud-pit mentality. We're not thinking right. We need to get out of our stupid place, get up, and move forward.

It's time for us to **act on the Word** and make it a reality in our lives. It's time for us to stop being stupid, rise up from the mud, **and become the champions God created us to be!**

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Rhema School of World Missions is open to those who have completed first- and second-year studies at Rhema Bible Training College. Students from all over the United States and the world have come to learn how best to take the Gospel to the nations.

Missionary work isn't limited to frontline duties. "It's not a school of apostolic ministry," shared program director Joe Duinick. "It's for anybody who is going to work in the Body of Christ in a cross-cultural setting."

God calls people to many different tasks. "Some could be called to be pastors or crusade evangelists, or to be nannies or church planters. Any supportive ministry—whatever they feel gifted and called to do, and they feel they are going to do in a cross-cultural setting—we train them."

In class students receive vital instruction that addresses both the spiritual and natural sides of succeeding in missions. Subjects

covered include leadership and team building, communicating effectively with ministry partners, the history of missions, and message development and delivery.

One remarkable part of the School of World Missions program is that students get to hear personally from Rhema graduates who are on the mission field. They learn how the grads got their start in ministry and walk out their calling by faith, and how they've come through trials to fulfill God's plan for them. Their testimonies, stories, and wisdom help students grasp what real missions work is all about.

Another program highlight is survival week, when students leave their comfortable, climate-controlled classroom and live outdoors for a time. The challenges and obstacles they encounter test their character, strength, and ability to work as a team. And the experience introduces them to survival skills that can be helpful in primitive missions.

An invaluable part of the School of World Missions program is a month-long internship in another country. Living and working with missionaries on the field gives students hands-on experience for future ministry.

Brenda Rei graduated this year from the School of World Missions. During her internship in the United Kingdom and Ireland, she ministered at a youth event, sang with the praise and worship team, and wrote a children's ministry curriculum for the church. Brenda also learned how to run sound and visual media for services.

Brenda said her classroom training at Rhema School of World Missions helped prepare her. "At times I needed to share on the spur

of moment in the classroom, or be prepared with short notice" Brenda shared. "Having practiced in the classroom not only prepared me—it also made me less nervous to be able to do it outside the classroom."

"RSWM will help you become more of the person God has called you to be. In the end you'll be more prepared to go and do His work."



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Rhema School of World Missions helps prepare students for cross-cultural ministry in both spirit and soul. Class of 2016 graduate Heather Werner is glad she obeyed God's call to apply. For her, it's about more than learning how to be a missionary. "RSWM will help you become more of the person God has called you to be," Heather shared. "In the end you'll be more prepared to go and do His work."♥





OUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST

ONE OF THE MOST important revelations we can get from the Word of God is to understand who we are in Christ. Identifying with Christ will change the way we live and cause us to rise above adversity. Not understanding our identity in Him will keep us living far below our rights and privileges in Christ.

What does it mean to identify with Christ? It's normal for us to identify with something or someone. It makes us feel connected and gives us a feeling of belonging.

In our everyday lives, we identify with a person, organization, occupation, nationality, or church. We also have an identity in the spirit realm. The scriptures say we have been crucified with Christ (Gal. 2:20). Not only did we die with Him on the cross at Calvary, we also have been raised with Him. We can see this in the following verses.

EPHESIANS 2:4-7 (NKJV)

4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,

5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,



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7 that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

According to this passage of Scripture, we are seated with Christ in heavenly places. Unfortunately, some Christians are having an identity crisis. They don't know who they are in Christ or where they are seated. Instead of identifying with Christ,

they identify with the problems that confront them. You can tell they do this because they call themselves by their problems: divorced, bankrupt, and so forth.

Some identify with a profession. They say things like, "I'm a salesman," or "I'm a lawyer." But their profession is not who they are; it's what they do. Others identify with the disease that is attacking their bodies. They say, "I'm a diabetic," "I'm ADD," or "I am bipolar."

When we really understand our identity in Christ—who we are in Him—it changes the way we think and live. Second Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV) says, "*If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.*" That same verse in *The Living Bible* says, "*When someone becomes a Christian, he becomes a brand new person inside. He is not the same anymore. A new life has begun!*"

Before we were in Christ, we were destined for death and destruction. Now we are destined for eternal life (1 John 2:25).

New ID

Before Christ, we were destined for despair, degradation, and poverty. But in Christ, we are destined to have life and have it more abundantly (John 10:10).

In Christ is where our identity should be. It's in Jesus that we are somebody!

Did you ever notice in the Scriptures that God often changed people's identities? They looked at themselves one way, but God told them who they really were. This is what happened to Gideon. He was so terrified of the Midianites that he hid inside a winepress to thresh his wheat. He believed the Midianites would take what little he had if they saw him threshing grain (Judges 6:1-11).

One day the angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon and said, "The Lord is with you, mighty warrior" (Judges 6:12 NIV). Gideon was acting like anything but a mighty warrior! However, when he finally saw himself the way God saw him, he went on to deliver the Israelites (Judges 7:1-25).

God also changed Abram's name. It was impossible for Abram and his wife, Sarai, to have children. But God said, "No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations" (Gen. 17:5 NIV). He also changed Sarai's name to Sarah (Gen. 17:15). And God's words were fulfilled when Sarah gave birth to Isaac.

God calls those things that are not as though they were (Rom. 4:17). In the natural realm, what God is calling us may not exist. But in His eyes, it does. So we need to talk about ourselves the same way God does.

What God says about us is found in His Word. Here are some things we are and have in Christ:

We are new creatures (2 Cor. 5:17).

We are the righteousness of God (2 Cor. 5:21).

We've been healed (1 Peter 2:24).

We've been made rich (2 Cor. 8:9).

We are accepted (Eph. 1:6).

We are free from sin (Rom. 6:20-22).

Psalms 23:4 says, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil." I like to say that verse like this: "Yea, though I walk through all of the mess that the devil tries to put on me, I will fear no evil. Through my identification with Christ, I can walk on scorpions and not be harmed. I can walk on anything that tries to get in my way and come out victoriously."

It's time for us to stand up and be who God says we are. And we need to let the devil know that we know who we are in Christ. Then anytime he tries to attack us, we can throw our shoulders back and say, "Don't mess with me. I'm identified with Christ!"

READ MORE

To further understand your identity in Christ and how you are to reign in life with Him, go to kfm.com/reign16 to read "Reigning in Life," an article by Kenneth E. Hagin.

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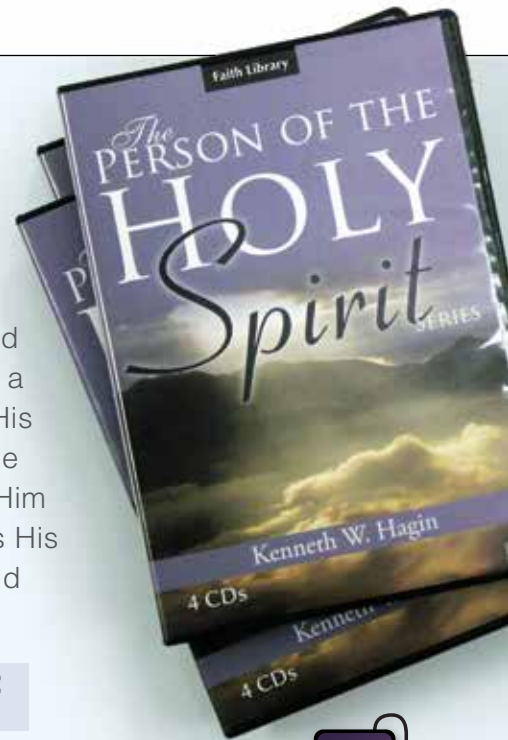
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Learn about Craig's new book, *Don't Be Stupid: A Prodigal Story*, on page 6.

THERE'S A STORY in the Bible of a man who had never walked a day in his life. He was lame from his mother's womb. Each day, they would lay him at the temple gate, and he would ask for money from the people entering in. Kindhearted people gave him money so he could take care of himself. Then one day, his life changed.



The disciples Peter and John were going into the temple to pray (Acts 3:1). The lame man saw them and asked them for money. Peter said, *"Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk"* (Acts 3:6 NKJV).

Full of compassion and faith, Peter took the lame man by the right hand and lifted him up. Immediately strength hit his feet and ankles. He began walking, leaping, and praising God as he entered the temple.

Jesus Inside You

Jesus came that we might have life and have it more abundantly (John 10:10). As believers, we have

that abundant life on the inside of us. In the story of the lame man in Acts chapter 3, we see that he began to walk at the mention of the Name of Jesus. When we speak that Name, it changes our destiny.

In life we sometimes go through tough situations that knock us down. Maybe we're not physically lame or on the ground like the man at the gate. But something happens in our lives that knocks us over, and we don't want to get up. We feel defeated, because it looks like we're losing. But God has made us champions in Christ. **GOD WANTS US TO GET UP, LET GO OF THE PAST, AND WALK INTO HIS PLAN FOR OUR LIVES.**



When tough situations happen, we can't stay down. We must rise up. We do this not in our own ability, but in the ability of Christ in us. Peter said to the lame man, "Get up, in the Name of Jesus." In the same way, we can speak those words to ourselves. We can speak that Name in faith when situations arise against us.

When the enemy comes and knocks us down with circumstances, we can boldly say, "In the Name of Jesus, you have no right. You have no authority to push me down. I'm going to rise. I'm going to walk." We can rise up in Jesus' Name! We can walk again. The Greater One inside us can help us get up.

I'm telling you, wherever you are right now, *get up!* Quit letting circumstances and problems keep you down! Quit being an emotional mess. Stop looking at everything happening around you and start looking at Jesus Christ—your Savior. He is the Answer to every test

you're going through. And He is saying, "Get up!"

JESUS DID NOT DIE ON THE CROSS FOR US TO LIE AROUND IN DEFEAT. Jesus died on the cross for us to get up, go out, and fulfill what He called us to do. We have the ability on the inside. We have the Greater One living inside us (1 John 4:4).

It's time to move forward. We can never reach the future trying to relive or rehash our past. We have to let the past go to move forward. And we can stand up because of Jesus. ♥

[Editor's Note: This article was adapted from Craig W. Hagin's Saturday message at *A Call to Arms* 2015.]



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HAVE YOU EVER felt like you're caught in a river of circumstance? You've tried to get out of the boat, but the current is swift and the water is rough. It doesn't look like there's any escape.

King David's life was like that. One thing that stands out about David is how he reacted to adversity. Regardless of what came against him, David *always* expected God to help him.

Expectation is an attitude to embrace. We need it to get through adversity, but we also need it when we're standing in faith to receive something from God. David never doubted His love and faithfulness. How could he be so confident? God was the rock he stood on. To him God's Word was everything, and he highly esteemed it.

A Trusted Word

Has someone ever assured you that he would help you? Because of your relationship, you knew you could trust his word. It never crossed your mind that he wouldn't help.

We need to extend that same trust to God. Yet this is often not the case. It's strange that some people can trust people easier than they can Him. Why is it so hard to believe that God will do what He said?

Don't Waver, Wane, or Wonder

When people pray and nothing happens, they wonder why. While there could be many reasons, here are two prevalent ones.

First, James, the brother of Jesus, tells us that our prayers need to be faith-filled (James 1:6). But how many times have we brought a request to the Lord and when nothing happened, we began to wonder?

David said, "*In the morning I lay my requests before you and WAIT expectantly*" (Ps. 5:3 NIV). He didn't put a time limit on his prayers. He stayed in faith until he saw his answer.

Quit Thinking!

Second, people don't receive because they try to figure everything out instead of simply trusting God. They think, "How in the world is this going to work out?"

The answer is—it doesn't matter. If God said it, you can expect it! You will never be able to figure out how He will do something.

How to Hang In There

Although the time between praying and receiving can seem long, staying focused on the promises of God will help you not to become discouraged. Plunging into His promises will keep you focused on what He can do.

When some people go swimming, they first put their toes in the water. They want to test it to see how cold it is. People do the same thing with God's promises. They poke around the edges. But if you really want to receive what He has for you, just jump in!

Do Great Things for God

What would you do if you knew that God was always ready to help you? Would you try to do more than you're doing right now? Would you try to do what you have always dreamed of doing? Would you dare to attempt what others say is impossible?

Men and women attempt great things for God because they believe He will act on their behalf. When things aren't going well, their faith and hope are still in Him.

God's Ready—Are You?

What has God called you to do? Not everyone is called to full-time ministry. His plan for some is to work in secular business or in some other field. Wherever you are, you are called to make an impact. What are you expecting Him to do for you and through you?

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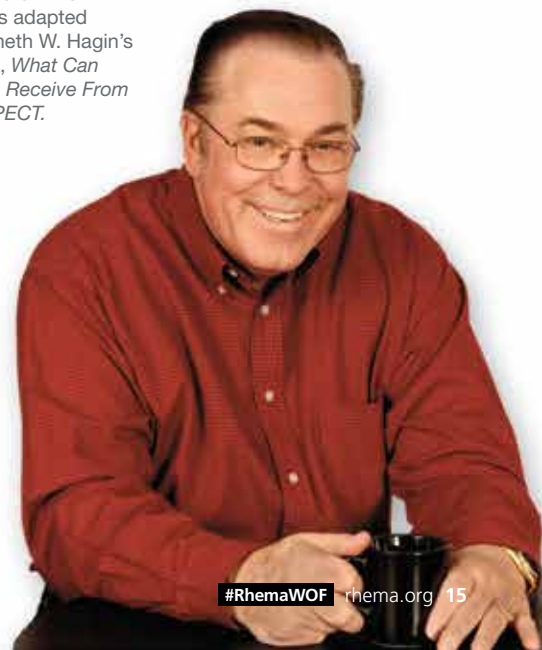
God is always ready to help. The Holy Spirit is waiting to move on your behalf when you trust Him. God's Spirit is His power moving in your life. **EXPECTANT FAITH IS THE TRIGGER THAT CAUSES HIM TO MOVE.**

This is the hour to expect a great God to do great things. This is the time to step out and do great things with Him and for Him. He will meet you at your level of expectation and do what He has promised in His Word.♥

[Editor's note: This article was adapted from Kenneth W. Hagin's new book, *What Can You Do to Receive From God? EXPECT.*

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HEAR AND BE HEALED

*But so much the more went there a fame abroad of him: and great multitudes came together to **hear, and to be healed by him** of their infirmities.*

— LUKE 5:15

EACH WEEKDAY on the Rhema Bible Training College campus, Healing School services are conducted. One day as I was on my way into the auditorium to begin the afternoon Healing School service, something—actually an unseen Someone—said to me, “*Hear and be healed.*” I didn’t pay much attention; I went ahead and conducted the service. But the next afternoon, in the same place, I again heard the words, “*Hear and be healed.*”

On the third day, as I was ready to enter the auditorium, that same voice said, “*Hear and be healed.*” I wrote that down and later asked myself, “Is the Holy Spirit saying something to me? Is there something in the Bible about hearing and being healed?”

Notice in Luke 5:15 that the multitudes came to hear and be healed. Does *hearing* have anything to do with being *healed*?

Emphatically, yes! **A lot of people want to be healed, but they don’t want to hear anything**—and people like that seldom get anything from God. So if you want to be healed, *hear!*

Why didn’t more people in Nazareth, Jesus’ hometown, get healed? Only a few sick people were healed of minor ailments, yet we know there were more sick people than that present. In Nazareth, the people were not healed

because they wouldn’t hear. One account of Jesus’ ministry at Nazareth is found in Mark 6:5: “*And he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them.*” The *Amplified Bible* [Classic Edition] says Jesus laid His hands on “a few sickly people.” Another translation reads, “He laid his hands on a few folks with minor ailments.”

Luke 5:15 tells us that the great multitudes “came together to *hear*”—a multitude in this city, a multitude in that city, a multitude in another city. Luke just lumps all these multitudes together. They came to hear. What they heard must have had to do with healing, because it says they came to *hear and be healed*, doesn’t it? What did they hear? They heard Jesus read from the prophet Isaiah. These were Jews (Jesus never preached outside of His own country), and they knew the Old Testament. They heard Jesus take His text from Isaiah and say, “This Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing. The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me. I am anointed to minister.”

Luke 6:17 tells us that a great multitude of people came “to *hear Him, and to be healed* of their diseases.”

There is something very interesting in the next verse: “*And they that were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were HEALED*” (vs. 18). “I thought you had to cast spirits out,” some will say. Sometimes you do, but not always. Those who were

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vexed with unclean spirits were *healed*, the verse says. You see, *the same power that will heal people of sickness will deliver them of demons!*

Now notice the next verse: “*And the whole multitude sought to touch him: for there went virtue [power] out of him [the Greek word is *dunamis*], and healed them all.*”

Why did the multitude want to touch Jesus? They couldn’t see any power go out of Him. You can’t see the power of God—you can only see the reaction to it. How did they know that power went out of Jesus? Because of what they heard! They heard Jesus read from the Book of Isaiah, “*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach . . . [and] to heal. . . . This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears*” (Luke 4:18, 21).

Now turn back with me to the Book of Matthew.

MATTHEW 14:34–36

34 And when they were gone over [the Sea of Galilee], they came into the land of Gennesaret.

35 And when **the men of that place had knowledge of him**, they sent out into all that country round about, and brought unto him all that were diseased;

36 And besought him that they might only touch the hem of his garment: and as many as touched were made perfectly whole.

The same thing happened here in the land of Gennesaret that we read about in the sixth chapter of Luke: **The people heard and were healed.** These verses in Matthew chapter 14 don’t talk about the power of God being manifested, but you can see that it is inferred. Notice that they did not bring the sick to Jesus *until* they first had knowledge of Jesus. How did they gain knowledge of Jesus? By seeing Him heal somebody? No, Jesus hadn’t healed anyone yet in their country. **They gained knowledge of Him by hearing. They heard something!**

*A major key to healing
is to be willing to hear God’s Word
and believe.*



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I wonder what they heard? It had to be something in connection with sickness, because as soon as they had knowledge of Jesus, they gathered up the sick and the diseased and brought them to Him. They must have heard Jesus read from Isaiah, “*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach . . . [and] to heal. . . . This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.*”

God can heal through special manifestations of the Spirit. But when He doesn’t initiate something, you can give people His Word. I remember one case of a woman given up to die with cancer. Her doctors had done all they could. In this instance, the Holy Spirit didn’t tell me to do anything. So what are you going to do? Bless God, I just sat down by the bed and opened the Word to her. I began to teach her. It took me a little time, but **by hearing the Word she was perfectly healed of terminal cancer.** The same doctors who gave her only 10 days to live couldn’t find a trace of the cancer and pronounced her well. Thank God for manifestations of the Spirit. But when they don’t come, if you can get people to *hear* the Word, you can still get them *healed*.♥

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IT MEANS A LOT to international Rhema students and alumni whenever Kenneth and Lynette Hagin visit their campuses. Such was the case when the Hagins travelled to Londonderry, Northern Ireland, in May. Cheers and applause greeted them as they entered the room where they met alumni, local pastors, and the Rhema UK & Ireland directors and staff.

The eager audience listened intently as Kenneth Hagin shared how Rhema Bible Training College came into existence. He also related how God has brought men and women throughout the world into the Rhema family. Wherever students and alumni are, they play an important role in carrying out the mandate God gave Kenneth E. Hagin to “go teach My people faith.”

While in Northern Ireland, Rev. Hagin ministered during a Sunday morning service at Life Triumphant Church, pastored by David and Claire Cullen (2009 Rhema USA graduates). Rev. Hagin taught on faith, and the congregation immediately grabbed hold of what he shared. At the end of the service he laid hands on the sick, and those needing healing “took” what belonged to them. Four others received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

When Rev. Hagin asked who could feel a noticeable difference in their bodies, over a dozen hands were raised. One woman who attended the service was battling Stage 3 breast cancer and was scheduled to have a mastectomy. She went to her doctor the following day and was told that they couldn’t find any cancer! It was gone!

Life Triumphant Church gave Rev. Hagin a large framed coat of arms representing his family heritage. Mrs. Hagin was given a lovely piece of iconic Derry Crystal. Inscribed on it were the key scripture verses for her *Kindle the Flame Women’s Conference*: “You, Lord, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness

into light. With your help I can advance against a troop; with my God I can scale a wall” (Ps. 18:28–29 NIV).

Israel

From Ireland, the Hagins flew to Israel and joined 30 other men and women for a 10-day visit to the Holy Land. Led by a Messianic Jewish guide, the group kept a packed schedule, stopping at sites throughout Israel. The Bible came alive as they walked where Jesus walked, stood on Mount Carmel where Elijah challenged the prophets of Baal, and traveled by boat on the Sea of Galilee.

At various sites Rev. Hagin read aloud scripture passages that pertained to where they were. For instance, he read the Beatitudes while on the Mount of the Beatitudes. On Mount Carmel he read the story of Elijah challenging the prophets of Baal.

Other trip highlights included a camel ride in East Jerusalem, baptizing several group members in the Jordan River, and visiting the Garden of Gethsemane. While at the Church of St. Anne in Jerusalem, the Rhema group sang praises to God—their voices echoing





'Those Words . . . Keep Me Going'

Thank you, Rev. Kenneth W. Hagin, for your faithfulness in declaring God's Word to me. When I face major problems, I'm reminded of what you have said to me as a Rhema student, in your books, and on *Rhema Praise*, broadcast on Daystar in the UK. Your encouraging words "do not quit—your faith will see you through" and "I cannot be defeated and I will not quit" always come to mind when I feel tempted to quit and give up. Oftentimes those words are the ones that keep me going.

Thank you again,
Robert K.

beautifully through the structure's stone chambers. In the Upper Room, a spirit of prayer came upon Rev. Hagin. On Shabbat, the Jewish Sabbath, the group held an outdoor Communion service in the Garden of Gethsemane.

There is just something about traveling to Israel. It encourages and reinvigorates the faith of those who make the trip, and the Bible comes alive as never before. For the Hagins and everyone who joined them, the journey was life-changing.♥

"I cannot be defeated, and I will not quit!"

On many of the Hagins' international trips, there is little time for anything but ministry. While in Northern Ireland, however, they were able to carve out time to visit several sites. One highlight was a stop at the Giant's Causeway on the northeast coast.

This natural rock formation is made up of about 40,000 hexagonal stone pillars formed by volcanic eruptions. Much to Mrs. Hagin's dismay, Rev. Hagin climbed to the formation's highest point! As he began the steep climb, he could be heard proclaiming what has become his motto for life: "I cannot be defeated, and I will not quit!"

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More than 45,000 people converged on the Rhema campus for the event. This year *Red, White, and You—Music of America*, a patriotic musical, kicked off the festivities. Attractions included a car show featuring hot rods, classic cars and pickup trucks, and racing cars. Kids laughed and screamed as they bounced on the inflatable games. Many youngsters got fancied up at the face-painting and glitter tattoo booths. And there were plenty of burgers, fries, funnel cakes, snow cones, and other concession foods available to quiet growling stomachs and quench thirsts. Bands at the outdoor concert included the Rhema Synergy Band, Ellie Holcomb and Unspoken.

For a second year, Rhema was honored to have *Rockets Over Rhema* serve as the backdrop for a home giveaway. The Military Warriors Support Foundation and Wells Fargo gave the keys of a mortgage-free home to a disabled Iraq war veteran battling post-traumatic stress disorder. The U.S. Army sergeant served 12 years in the military, including two tours in Iraq.

Since it began in 2004, *Rockets Over Rhema* has never been cancelled because of bad weather. This year, though thunderstorms threatened and lightning flashed in the distance, not a drop of rain fell until after the dazzling fireworks grand finale.

Between the food, fun, and festivities, *Rockets Over Rhema* never disappoints. So mark your calendars for July 2, 2017, and plan to be in Broken Arrow for this great celebration of America's freedom!♥



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Thoughts

// LYNETTE HAGIN

"THE LORD WILL GUIDE YOU ALWAYS; HE WILL SATISFY YOUR NEEDS IN A SUN-SCORCHED LAND AND WILL STRENGTHEN YOUR FRAME. YOU WILL BE LIKE A WELL-WATERED GARDEN, LIKE A SPRING WHOSE WATERS NEVER FAIL."
— ISAIAH 58:11 (NIV)

IN THE LAST two issues of *The Word of Faith*, I have been discussing the days that we live in and what we must focus on. I began with the words of Jesus in Matthew 24:42 and 44 (NKJV): "Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. . . . Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

The Lord pointed out to me that we need to concentrate more on being ready than on trying to interpret when He will return. How do we do that?

1. We must **live a holy life** by presenting our entire bodies to Him. Romans 12:1 (NLT) says, "And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable."

2. We must **walk in the spirit** each day. Galatians 5:16 (NLT) says, "So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves."

3. We must **practice the fruit of the Spirit**. Let love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance rule your life. If you have difficulty in any of these areas, find scriptures to meditate on that will help you overcome the situation. For instance, if you have trouble forgiving someone, read Matthew 5:44 each day. If you have trouble staying in peace, read John 16:33 continually.

4. We must **keep the oil of the Holy Spirit burning brightly** in our lives. Matthew 25:1–13 tells the story of the five wise and five foolish virgins, or bridesmaids. I encourage you to read it for yourself. In summary, the five wise virgins took extra oil for their lamps, and the five foolish virgins did not. The bridegroom came later than expected, and the foolish virgins' lamps had gone out. They tried to coerce the wise virgins into giving them some oil. The wise virgins replied, "We don't have enough for all of us. Go to a shop and buy some for yourselves" (Matt. 25:9 NLT). Later, when the five foolish virgins returned,

the bridegroom would not let them in. Jesus ended this parable by saying, "So you, too, must keep watch! For you do not know the day or hour of my return" (v. 13 NLT).

It is important that we have a growing relationship with our Heavenly Father. To do that, we must stay filled with His Word, pray consistently, and attend church faithfully each week. Doing this will keep the oil of the Holy Spirit burning continuously in our lives.

5. We must **use our talents for the Lord**. Matthew 25:14–30 tells the story of the man who gave his servants money to invest. That money is called "talents" in the *King James Bible*. Today we use that word to mean "abilities."

The man gave one servant five talents, another two talents, and the third a single talent. The last part of verse 15 is very enlightening. It says, "dividing it in proportion to their abilities" (NLT). God gives each of us talents, but we don't receive the same talents, or an equal number of talents. Again, I encourage you to read the entire story. The Scriptures say the servant who was given five talents increased his to 10, and the one given two talents increased his to four. However, the one given a single talent buried his.

When the master returned to receive a report, he commended the first two servants: "Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!" (v. 23 NLT).

However, the master had very harsh words for the servant who hid his talent: "Take the money from this servant, and give it to the one with the ten bags of silver. To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away. Now throw this useless servant into outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth" (vv. 28–30 NLT).

I admonish you who have placed your talents on a shelf—get them out and use them for God. Don't envy the talents God has given others. He created you for a specific purpose and gave you specific talents. Be content with them and use them for His glory. ♥

Lynette





Kids' Page

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Don't Forget to Read God's Word!

Eat

What Have You Been Eating?

An important part of a healthy spiritual diet is to read God's Word daily. You can't expect to grow strong in your body by just eating one good meal a week! In the same way, you can't expect to grow strong spiritually by reading the Bible one time a week. Read God's Word often and it will be food to your spirit.

Decode the following verse. Place the letter from the box below in the blank above the symbol that it matches.

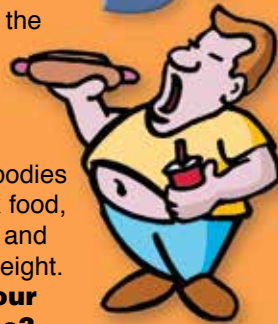
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Almost everyone knows the difference between healthy food and junk food. When we eat healthy food, it gives us strength and helps our bodies grow. When we eat junk food, it zaps us of our energy and usually makes us overweight.



Did you know that our "spirit man" eats too?

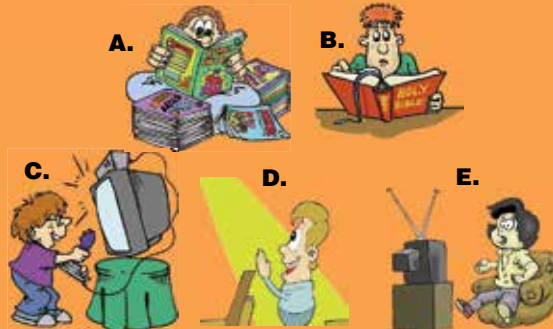
Jesus told a large group of people that those who **hunger** for righteousness will be blessed and satisfied. Our spirit is hungry, but it is up to us to feed it. And we must feed it the right "food" if we want to grow strong in spirit. So, what have you been feeding your spirit? Look at the pictures below. Each kid is feeding his spirit . . . some are feeding on healthy food and some on junk food. Circle those who are "eating healthy" and draw an X over those who are eating "junk food."

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The numbers below may look like ordinary numbers to you but if you turn this page upside down, you'll find that they are the answers to the Bible questions beneath them. Match the number with the question that it answers.

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57714

- The Old Testament priest wore these along the hem of his garment. (Exodus 28:33)
- These melt like wax at the presence of the Lord. (Psalm 97:5)
- Goliath wore these on his feet. (1 Samuel 17:4-7)
- Jesus said that foxes live in these. (Matthew 8:20)



ANSWERS:
What Have You Been Eating?
Kids feeding on healthy "spiritual food": B and D.
Kids feeding on spiritual "junk food": A, C, and E.
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HOW SWEET ARE THY WORDS TO MY TASTE —PSALM 119:103
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jokes & riddles



"A merry heart does good, like medicine."
—Proverbs 17:22 (NKJV)

What did the digital watch say to the grandfather clock?

Look pop, no hands!

If a dictionary goes from A to Z what goes from Z to A?

Zebra

What says "Quick, Quick"?

A duck with the hiccups

What's white when it's dirty and black when it's clean?

A blackboard

Why do golfers always carry two pairs of socks with them?

In case they get a hole-in-one

What game do cannibals play at parties?

Swallow the Leader

What do you call a pig with three eyes?

A piig

What's in the middle of a jelly fish?

A jelly button

Tongue Twisters

Bernie, Bart, and Bert bought a burnt barn.

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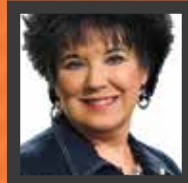


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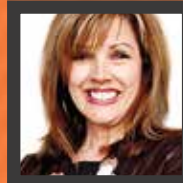
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